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Parcel Post and Special Services Final Cost Adjustments for Delivery Confirmation

Introduction

The purpose of this library reference is to describe and document the calculation of the final cost adjustments to Parcel Post costs and Special Services costs arising from making no-fee Delivery Confirmation available to Parcel Select.

Witness Kiefer developed this library reference and Witnesses Patelunas (USPS-T-12) and Kay (USPS-T-21) use the cost adjustments. Witness Mayo (USPS-T-36) uses the projection of Parcel Select Delivery Confirmation volume.

1. Description

Library Reference USPS-LR-J-120 consists of a worksheet that calculates final cost adjustments for Parcel Post and Special Services. It has three inputs and produces five outputs.

2. Inputs

Forecasted total Delivery Confirmation volume—from Library Reference USPS-LR-J-125, Table 125-2.

Forecasted total Parcel Select volume—from Library Reference USPS-LR-J-125, Table 125-2.

Electronic Delivery Confirmation marginal cost—from USPS-T-26, Table 1b.

3. Calculations

The calculations are described in the notes accompanying the worksheet.

Final Adjustments for Delivery Confirmation

Inputs^[1]

DC TYAR Forecast202,040,828Parcel Select TYAR Forecast314,684,404Electronic DC Marginal Cost\$ 0.0851

Calculations

Parcel Select Electronic DC Volume to Remove From Special Services^[2]

17,779,593

Package Services Electronic DC Volume Remaining in Special Services^[3]

4,444,898

Parcel Select Electronic DC Volume with Zero Fee^[4]

118,006,652

Final Adjustment to Remove from Special Services Costs^[5]

\$ 1,513,043

Final Adjustment to Add to
Parcel Post (Parcel Select) Costs^[6]

\$ 10,042,366

Notes

[1] Sources: DC TYAR Forecast: USPS-LR-J-125, Table 125-2; Parcel Select TYAR Forecast: USPS-LR-J-125, Table 125-2;

Electronic DC Marginal Cost: USPS-T-26, Table 1b.

[2] Calculation based on volume shares from RPW data for FY01, pq3: (Priority Mail electronic DC: 53%; Priority Mail retail DC: 33%;

Package Services electronic DC: 11%; Package Services retail DC: 3%)

Calculation: (DC TYAR Forecast) *

(Package Services share of electronic Delivery Confirmation (11%))*

(Parcel Select share of Package Services electronic DC (80%), assumed).

[3] Calculation: (DC TYAR Forecast) *

(Package Services share of electronic Delivery Confirmation (11%), from RPW data for FY01, pq3) *

(Non-Parcel Select share of Package Services electronic DC (20%), assumed).

[4] Calculation: (Parcel Select TYAR Forecast) *

(Share of Parcel Select projected to use no-fee DC in test year (37.5%), from James Kiefer's workpaper (USPS-T-33, WP-PP-1, Input [15].)

- [5] Calculation: (Parcel Select DC TYAR Forecast with fees, from Note [2] above) * (Electronic DC Marginal Cost).
- [6] Calculation: (Parcel Select DC TYAR Forecast with no fee, from Note [4] above) * (Electronic DC Marginal Cost).